

## Video Transcript: Report on Supreme Court Oral Argument on Proposition 8

Leanne Kozak: *"The emotional issues swirling around proposition 8 are a natural draw to the Supreme Court's activities – an opportunity for the court to explain how it works."*

As expected, there were hundreds of demonstrators outside the Supreme Court building in San Francisco. Seating inside is very limited, so one interest group even erected a JumboTron on the nearby Civic Center Plaza.

Some folks watched from the auditorium in the Supreme Court building, where they were free to voice their reactions.

And the California Channel cablecast and web cast the entire event, so people all over the world could watch, listen and learn.

John Hancock, California Channel President *"We hope people get motivated by watching the process in action, and understand how our government works."*

The justices engaged in oral arguments about proposition 8 for more than 3 hours.  
Then comes the deliberative process.

Fritz Ohlrich, California Supreme Court Clerk *"Immediately after oral argument they go to the chief's chambers and discuss the matter and anything they think that's important that happened this morning."*

They have 90 days to release their opinions, which they do on Monday's and Thursdays.

Fritz Ohlrich *"And they're on the internet at exactly 10 o'clock, the same time they're filed in the clerk's office."*

Which means you can get the opinion – instantly and conveniently.

Fritz Ohlrich *"You can come here and stand in line. Or you can get it immediately on your home computer and if you want to print it out, print it out."*

The media get notified at least a day in advance that the opinion's expected to be filed.

You can get that e-mail notification, too, by signing up on the Supreme Court's website.

In fact, because of the enormous public interest, the court may put out a media advisory that summarizes their findings and the opinion.

Fritz Ohlrich *"The court wants the public to understand what its role is and how it reaches determinations in these cases."*

You can find more information on the Supreme Court and on proposition 8 – right here on this website.

I'm Leanne Kozak reporting.